

Who stole the show? sisters all charmers

by Mrs. Elsie Reed

Mr. and Mrs. David Robertson were conveners for the entertainment at the Golden Age Club Evening meeting and a wonderful program was produced which delighted the good turnout.

Mrs. Robertson introduced Mr. Goodwin from Elora who played the electric guitar and led the band and in turn introduced his five daughters who with him, gave a real musical treat.

Who stole the show? Was it the eldest daughter, a blonde high school girl who smiled and encouraged her dad as she expertly played the accordion? Or the next blonde daughter who as expertly played the drums? Or another blonde schoolgirl daughter just as expert on the banjo? Or the younger schoolgirl, in the not-so blonde pig-tails expert on the banjo, or the little one still too young for school, also in pig-tails,

who kept the rhythm on a small plastic drum?

Maybe it was the tiny tot with light very blonde curls all over her head. Too young to be in the band but who completely won the heart of everyone as she wandered around the hall? All were show-stealers in their scarlet pleated skirts and long-sleeved white blouses, their pleasing personalities and musical abilities. They played many pieces and were well applauded.

Mrs. Jesse McEnery, who has kindly entertained the Club, gave some of her humorous recitations in her superb dramatic way.

Scottish songs
Mr. McCutcheon, in a "wee" bit of Scotch attire, sang some Scottish songs to please all then sang A Mansion Just Over the Hill-top to revive memories among many of the audience. For a man in his eighties, he has a wonderfully clear strong voice

which all hope he will continue to keep up.

Mrs. Gordon Aitkins accompanies him on the piano and played some beautiful solos as well.

Mr. Davidson thanked Mr. and Mrs. Robertson for all their work in preparing the excellent program and all those who had taken part in it.

Passport trip
The club are looking forward to a Passport to Halton trip to visit some of the interesting places in our own County. Also the annual zone Rally will be coming up soon which always means another trip and pleasant outing.

Personals

Acton's reeve Dr. Frank Oakes, due to leave on holidays, is in Guelph General Hospital instead. Friends send wishes for a full recovery soon.

Friends are sorry to learn Mr. W. Duval Sr. is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin McNabb of Nassau, Bahamas, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Cam Leishman.

Mr. Frank Browning of Toronto spent several days in town with the family following the death of his sister-in-law Mrs. G. A. Dills.

Dr. and Mrs. Onions held Open House at the United Church manse Sunday afternoon and evening, to meet new friends in the congregation and town.

Saturday dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Robertson and Brian included the former's brothers and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rugg, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. George Young and Marilyn; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Robertson, Acton; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robertson, Guelph.

Other guests during the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robertson and family, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Robertson and daughters, Oakville; Mr. and Mrs. Vic Patrick and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hurren, Acton and Bruce Fowler, Guelph.

Plan modern gym classes

Georgetown enthusiasts of modern gymnastics or rhythmic have arranged to have an instructor, Mrs. Jutta Lindberg, come from Toronto to give her classes at Georgetown Y, and extend their invitation to other women in the area to contact the Georgetown Y if interested.

Georgetown women who travelled to Toronto to take the classes are happy to have the group now included in the Y program there.

Studied
Mrs. Lindberg studied in Europe and America with the Kalev-Estienne gym group. Her classes provide a feminine approach to fitness, developing flexibility and co-ordination with the emphasis on natural movements such as running and walking. Some of the exercises are done to music to develop balance and grace.

The group is designed for the average woman who's not highly skilled or in peak physical condition.

To contact Georgetown Y call 877-6163.



CONDUCTOR AT Electric Railway museum stamps Passports to Halton for David and Ann Laird of Oakville Sunday. It's half price for Passport travellers to ride on the old cars on the former radial line site in Nassagaweya. (Photo by K. Dills)

\$1053 is final total for Flowers of Hope fund

L'Arche Auxiliary meeting of Sept. 26 was held at the home of Mrs. Ruby Laustsen with five members and three guests of Mrs. Laustsen present. It opened with the prayer for the mentally retarded read by Mrs. J. Price.

Two local boys from Sunshine School were sponsored for two weeks each at Camp Tilleum during the summer. The fall fair booth was a grand success with people taking a great interest in slides showing the children from Sunshine School and adults from A.R.C. working and enjoying new experiences. The public was surprised at the high quality of ceramics on display for sale with sales reflecting their interest. The ticket for the quilt draw was pulled at the fair and Mrs. McVeigh was the winner with ticket No. 777.

Final total for the Flowers of

Hope Campaign is in and a cheque for \$1,053 will be taken by Mrs. Ruby Laustsen to the general meeting Oct. 2 to be presented to N.H.A.M.R. for the use of the retarded in North Halton.

Tinkerbell Nursery for mentally and physically handicapped children has started again with seven children present under the guidance of Mrs. J. Kuiken and with the assistance of 28 volunteers. These children are volunteers one to one basis—one volunteer to each child, three days a week and therefore volunteers are very important. Much interest has been shown lately in the nursery and anyone interested in this program is welcome.

Annual dance
The annual Fall Dance will be held Oct. 14 at the Acton Legion

Various ways to use carrots

On October 2 Acton Homemakers 4H Club, Carrot Curls held their second meeting. A discussion was held about the importance of vitamins and how you can make the most of the content of vitamins in vegetables.

A meal was prepared by the club members. Lynda Sayers made baked potatoes and white sauce for the carrots. She also made stewed tomatoes beforehand. Lynne MacNaughton

made carrot salad. Jane Munro made baked carrots. Lorna Sayers made boiled carrots. Shirley Jocque made stuffed onions, and Shirley Sayers made stuffed peppers.

There were a number of different reactions to these dishes, some of them being tried for the first time by some of the girls. The meal was mainly to show the different ways of preparing carrots.

Mincemeat time Daughters of Knox

The Daughters of Knox held their October meeting on Monday evening in the Miss Ellen Anderson Room.

Mrs. Robert Paul presided and opened the meeting with all singing Living for Jesus and repeating the mottoes. In the absence of Mrs. Harold Swallow, the minutes and roll call were read by Mrs. Tom Watson.

Plans were completed of part for the refreshments and help at the Fall Rally of the Presbyterian of Brampton being held in the church on Wed., Oct. 11. A committee of Mrs. Bern Van Fleet, Mrs. Mac Sprowl and Mrs. William Nelles will convene the making of the mincemeat next month. Orders for church calendars and mincemeat are

being taken by members now.

India topic
Mrs. William Toth introduced the next chapter in the study book on India, Too Many Mouths to Feed. A film was shown explaining the hunger from the very young to the older and how it can lead to other situations. One-sixth of the population of the world live in India. A panel of Mrs. Clifford Ashley, Mrs. Tom Watson and Mrs. Bern Van Fleet with Mrs. William Toth as leader held question and answer period on agriculture, industrial policy and population study on India.

The worship was the Thankoffering Service from Glad Tidings. Lunch was served by the group in charge.



By Wendy Thomson

And now on to the geese. At one time we were getting overrun with them. They camped on the doorstep at night and took over the neighbour's vegetable garden by day, but generally afforded us much entertainment.

Last winter, the number steadily dwindled as dogs and raccoons took their toll, until we had only three left, two female geese and a gander. One goose laid a good batch of eggs in a nest under the big feed tank, then those too disappeared. Within the month, she was left sitting on one big round stone. She sat, and sat, and sat. Finally, Gord took pity on her and bought six little ducklings at an auction. They were only a day or so old, so we kept them up at the house for a little while. (These were the ones that Sue-hound wanted to adopt.)

Stone hatched

I think the general idea, when introducing chicks to be adopted, is to do it at night when the foster parents can't see the human element, and they think the eggs have finally hatched, or in this case that the stone a goose was sitting on hatched six ducklings.

The only trouble is, that when you're down there with no light, YOU can't see what you're doing either. Finally, I had to turn the flashlight on, and there with all the squalling and squacking, Gord couldn't get close enough to shove the babies right in the nest. He could only set them as close as he dared.

Mama-geese was overjoyed to see "her offspring" and wanted to get them right away from That Man as soon as possible. I wish I could describe the scene that followed, complete with noises. She put her bill down between her body and the nest, showing it hard to make a little tunnel that the ducklings could run down to "safety", all the while making a murmuring, cooing, goose noise—a very motherly sound.

Funny looking bird

Unfortunately, the little ones had never seen a nest or a bird like that before and didn't know quite what to make of it. After listening to all these odd sounds, and watching that big bird rising up and down (she was trying to give them room to run under) they turned and ran for Gord. By then they'd figured he was "Daddy" and to heck with that funny looking bird!

The only thing we could do was leave them there and hope they didn't freeze. When we went back in the morning, everything seemed to have been settled in the night, and she was proudly leading them around before taking them to the pond which they discovered was their element.

For Mama-geese, the troubles were just starting. These ducklings just wouldn't behave like geese. They wouldn't march in a nice little line like geese do, but took off all over the place. Mama would get three of them back in order only to find that the others had disappeared in the weeds.

And when she got them in the water, they wouldn't come out again. She'd call and call but they'd stay in and have a marvellous time diving and up-ending and eating little green frogs instead of going to see the clumps of clover Mama was trying to point out.

Communications
Finally, as the ducklings got older and more self-sufficient, they reached a compromise with Mama. The ducks stayed in the pond, the geese grazed in the pasture, but they communicated regularly. If we were down by the barn, every now and then we'd hear a loud "QUACK, quack, quack" from the pond, followed by a couple of big long blasts of

Bev Leitch 4-H head

The first meeting of the Ballinafad north 4-H home-making club took place at the Ballinafad Hall on Saturday.

Mrs. Kirkwood and Doris Burt are the leaders for this club Dressing up Vegetables. Bev Leitch is the president, Janet Gales vice-president, secretary Kathy French, treasurer Heather Kirkwood and the press reporter is Frances McLean.

They answered a quiz on vegetables and discussed the requirements of the club members, and tentative plans for Achievement Day.

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